vehicles has also been undertaken where the battery can be charged at night during off-peak hours by electricity.

Preparation of faulty Electricity Bill in respect of the Residents of CPWD Complex Vasant Vihar New Delhi

1556. SHRI SOHAN LAL DHUSIYA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether DESU authorities concerned with Vasant Vihar CPWD Complex have issued electricity bills in favour of the residents of the area without taking any uptodate reading of the consumption and have charged them on an average basis; and

(b) if so, how the services of meter-readers are to be utilised if the consumption bills are to be sent to the consumers on an average basis?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

CGHS Dispensary at Vasant Vihar

1557. SHRI SOHAN LAL DHUSIYA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the CGHS authorities have requested the Directorate of Estates to place four type III quarters in Vasant Vihar CPWD Complex at their disposal for opening CGHS dispensary in that area; and

(b) whether all the four quarters have been requisitioned for opening of Allopathic dispensary only or any CGHS dispensary of Indian System of Medicines and Homoeopathy is also proposed to be opened in these quarters?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI NILAMANI ROUTRAY): (a) and (b) CGHS authorities have requested the Directorate of Estates for allotment of four type III quarters for opening of an allopathic dispensary in Vasant Vihar.

Inventory of spare parts of Indian Airlines

1558. SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that whereas every major airlines has an inventory of at least 30 per cent of the spare parts, the Indian Airlines has inventory of only 7 per cent of the spare parts ;

(b) whether two A-320 aircrafts, one at Bombay and the other at Delhi are lying in the open for want of spares;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the airports under the control of the National Airports Authority are lacking basic infrastructure and a few airfields do not even have the barest minimum visual approach slope indicators; and

(d) if so, what are the reasons therefor and what steps have been taken by Government to remove these shortcomings?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) No. Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) No, Sir. Upgradation of ground facilities at airports is a continuous process involving substantial capital investment.

Cargo piled up at the International Airports

1559. SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA:
SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that huge stock of garments cargo has piled up at the international airports in the country;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof stating the estimated cargo (with value) piled up at international airports and since when such cargo is lying there for clearance; and

(c) what is the present rate of clearing cargo and what measures have been taken by Government to provide necessary infrastructure to avoid accumulation of cargo at the international airports in the country?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) The problem of accumulation of cargo including garments during peak season is experienced mainly at I.G.I. Airport, Delhi.

(b) As on 19-3-90, the backlog of cargo at I.G.I. Delhi, Madras, Calcutta and Bombay Airports was 2685 tonnes, 147 tonnes, 111.2 tonnes and 55.3 tonnes respectively. No statistics is maintained by International Airports Authority of India about the value of the consignments.

(c) During the first fortnight of March, 1990, the average daily clearance rate of cargo at IGI, Delhi, Madras, Calcutta and Bombay Airports was 205 M.T., 60 M.T. 23 M.T., and 130 M.T. respectively. The Government have announced an 'Open Sky Policy' to enable scheduled and non-scheduled operators to lift cargo from India. Air-India has been advised to offer shuttle operations to Middle East by hiring additional capacity, Cargo Tariff rates have also been rationalised to make it economical for air transport operations. The infrastructural facilities for cargo handling have also been adequately improved at the international airports.

Vacant Posts of Doctors

1560. SHRI S. K. T. RAMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of vacant posts of junior doctors in the dispensaries and hospitals run by the Central Government;

(b) what steps are being taken by Government to fill up these vacant posts;

(c) whether it is a fact that shortage of funds is the main impediment againsi filling up these posts; and

(d) whether Government would take steps to provide health facilities in all villages by setting up medical and health centres in every village and by appointing qualified doctors there?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI NILAMANI ROUTRAY): (a) The number of vacant posts of Junior Doctors in Central Government hospitals in Delhi is 105. Dispensaries have no posts of junior doctors.

(b) and (c) In view of the fact that the *ad-hoc* medical officers appointed during the strike of Junior doctors in May-June, 1989 have been allowed to be continued beyond their normal term of appointcent in the light of the judgement of the Central Administrative Tribunal, the Government instructed the hospitals not to fill up the vacant posts of Junior Residents, for the time being to the ex-'tent of the availability of surplus *ad hoc* medical officers. As regards Senior Residents, the hospitals concerned have taken action to fill up the vacant posts.

(d) The responsibility for providing Medical and Health Services in rural areas is that of State Government.

Airport at Vagaikulam in Tamil Nadu

1561. SHRI S. K. T. RAMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) what is the stage and status of the proposal to construct an airport in Vagaikulam in Chidambaranar district of Tamil Nadu;

(b) what are the impediments in executing this proposal; and

(c) whether the airstrip used during World War II in Kayatar in the same district could be considered as an alternative site for this proposed airport?